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USINFO

1. CAIRO PRESS COVERED KISSINGER-SADAT TALKS AS LEADING
FRONTPAGE STORY. AL-AHRAM UNDERSCORED
KISSINGER'S CAIRO AIRPORT STATEMENT ASSURING "CONTINUEING
U.S. EFFORTS FOR PERMANENT AND JUST MIDDLE EAST PEACE." PAPER
ATTRIBUTED TO "U.S. AT PRESENT PREFERS TO CONDUCT CON-
TACTS OUTSIDE GENEVA CONFERENCE" AND THAT "U.S. MAY BE
ABLE TO ACHIEVE FURTHER (ISRAELI) WITHDRAWAL ON EGYPTIAN
AND SYRIAN FRONTS." IN KISSINGER'S VIEW, PAPER REPORTED,
MIDDLE EAST PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THREE ALTERNATIVES:
(A) FOREIGN MINISTERS OR OFFICIALS OF LOWER LEVEL OF
CONCERNED COUNTRIES MAY CONDUCT BILATERAL TALKS IN
WASHINGTON LEADING TO WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT, (B) KISSINGER
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AIDE (SISCO OR ATHERTON) MAY STAY TO SHUTTLE AMONG THE

REGIONS'S CAPTIALS, OR (C) HOLDING U.N.-SPONSORED TALKS
SIMILAR TO KLM 101.

2. FROM WASHINGTON AL-AHRAM'S CORRESPONDENT KESHISHIAN
QUOTED "U.S. DIPLOMAT" AS SAYING THAT KISSINGER IS INTERESTED
IN ACHIEVING SOME RESULTS DURING CURRENT TRIP SO THAT ARAB
RABAT SUMMIT (OCT 26) "WOULD NOT ADOPT HARSH POSITION."
CORRESPONDENT ALSO QUOTED UNIDENTIFIED ARAB FOREIGN MINISTER AS STAT-
ING THAT KISSINGER "WILL ATTEMPT TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH PLO POSITION
TOWARD U.S. POLICY." MINISTER DENIED KISSINGER WOULD MEET
DIRECTLY WITH PLO OFFICIALS, THOUGH THIS COULD BE DONE BY
AIDES ACCOMPANYING HIM.

3. AL GOMHOURIA'S BANNER HEADLINE AND LEAD STORY REPORT
EXCLUSIVELY THAT DR. KISSINGER DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT SADAT
A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD GIVING U.S. VIEW
OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND RELATIONS BETWEEN
EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES. IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT U.S.
MIDDLE EAST POLICY SEEKS ACHIEVEMENT FURTHER ISRAELI WITH-
DRAWAL THROUGH EITHER TALKS HELD IN THE REGION OR IN WASHINGTON.
ISRAEL, PAPER POINTED OUT, "REFUSED INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN
PARTICIPANTS IN GENEVA CONFERENCE" AND SUGGESTED THAT
SUCH PARTICIPATION COULD COME IN CONNECTION WITH JORDAN.
IN A SEPARATE COLUMN, PAPER'S DIPLOMATIC REPORTED HODA
TAWFIQ SAID THAT KISSINGER SEES HIS PRESENT AND FUTURE
DETERMINED BY HIS SUCCESS IN SETTTLING MIDDLE EAST ISSUE.

4. IN GENERAL, CAIRO PRESS REPORTED: (A) FORD AND OTHER
TOP OFFICIALS SEEING KISSINGER OFF AT AIRPORT BEFORE TRIP
AS SIGN OF U.S. SUPPORT OF CURRENT EFFORTS, (B) KISSINGER'S
CORDIAL REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND FONMIN FAHMY AT
CAIRO AIRPORT, (C) SADAT'S WELCOME OF KISSINGER, (D)
PROBABILITY THAT KISSINGER MAY RETURN TO CAIRO, AND (E)
KISSINGER'S DENIAL THAT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORTS
ARE RELATED TO ENERGY CRISIS.

5. EDITORIALY, AL-AKHBAR SAID EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB
COUNTRIES "WILL GIVE PEACEALL AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES.
BUT IF ISRAEL
ATTEMPTS TO EVADE (WITHDRAWAL) IN ORDER
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TO RETURN TO STATE OF NO-PEACE AND NO-WAR, ARABS WILL HAVE
NOTHING BEFORE THEM BUT WAR."
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